

## HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul Re et al.

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For:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE REPAIR OF

ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS

Group Art Unit No.:

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Examiner:

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Commissioner For Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed July 26, 2007 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from October 26, 2007 to January 26, 2008.

Applicants note that inasmuch as January 26, 2008 falls on a Saturday, the response is actually due on Monday, January 28, 2008.

A check in the amount of \$1050.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON:

January 28, 2008

(DATE OF DEPOSIT)

January 28, 2008

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